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Prior to substantive Examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete paragraph 1030 on page 7, and insert therefor: (See Appendix A for red-lined copy)

FIGS. 8A, 8B, 9, 10 and 11 illustrate examples of user eviction.